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FOR PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR

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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN POST-SHIPMENT END USE CHECK ON
LICENSE 050137408

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1. (U) POL FSN May 21 visited the Royal Thai Police Academy in Nakhon Pathom province to check whether police cadets had received reftel pistols. Of the thirty-three police cadets who had been scheduled for receipt of the pistols, thirty were present. One cadet was absent due to sickness while two were no longer at the Academy as they had already been commissioned and had departed for stations in other parts of the country. The cadets in attendance presented proof of permission from the local district office for purchase of firearms. Twenty-five police cadets presented pistols that matched reftel with the possession permits. Five cadets had forgotten to bring their pistols but presented proper permits from the Thai government. Police Lieutenant Pinit Umbangtalad of the Police Cadet Division, the coordinating officer for the check, confirmed to us that all thirty-three pistols had been delivered to the cadets and had been properly registered with the authorities. A list of the owners of the reftel pistols could be provide by Post via fax if DTCC so desires.

2. (U) Based on documents submitted during the inspection, it is our assessment that all reftel pistols were properly registered for police cadets and, based on the registration documents and confirmation by Pol. Lt. Pinit, that all reftel pistols were delivered to police cadets.
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